

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1 - 2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Cancelled).

4. (New) A heat insulation window comprising:

(a) a pair of outer panes defining an air space therebetween;

(b) a spacing member disposed between the outer panes which maintain the panes in a spaced-apart relationship, the spacing member comprises a central spacer and opposing lateral members, wherein the central spacer engages and separates the opposing lateral members and at least one lateral member comprises an attachment for retaining an interior film, and wherein the spacing member further comprises an outer surface extending between the first and second lateral members;

(c) wherein a first lateral member defines a first sealing groove, and a second lateral member defines a second sealing groove;

(d) a metal band parallel to and overlaying the outer surface, wherein the band comprises edge flanges which fit into the sealing grooves, isolating the sealing grooves from the interface between the metal band and the central spacer;

(e) a first seal disposed within the first sealing groove, and a second seal disposed within the second sealing groove, wherein the first and second seals are separated by the central spacer.

5. (New) The window of claim 4 wherein the first and second sealing grooves has a substantially square cross-section.

6. (New) The window of claim 5 wherein the spacing member is discrete from and interlocks with each of the two lateral members.

6. (New) The window of claim 4 wherein the seal element comprises a butyl adhesive.

7. (New) The window of claim 4 wherein the metal band comprises a stainless steel foil.